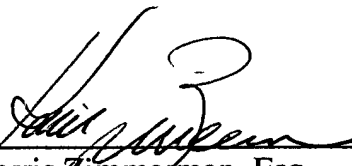


**d.) Remarks**

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowability of claim 13 in the instant Office Action. In response, applicant has taken the decision to accept the allowable claim and cancel all rejected claims. To that end, claims 1-17 have been canceled, and new claim 18 has been added. Claim 18 comprises an independent rendition of old claim 13, including the recitations of old claims 16, 12, and 13. In accordance with Paragraph 8 of the instant Action, claim 18 is allowed over the art.

There being no other outstanding issues to resolve, this application should be in condition to be passed to issue. Action toward that end is earnestly solicited.

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